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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment (01 March 2004).
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Menard et al., US 6,061,056 in view of Corey et al., US 5,703,655 and Rand et al., US 2004/0080528.

In considering claims 1 and 9,

a) the claimed a buffer configured to communicate with a decoder and with an information display system is met by database 18 (Fig 2) and mass storage device 20 (Fig 1) which communicate which communicate to cc capture 10 via internal bus 13 (Fig 1), which the information display system is met by individual workstations 8 and multimedia display 3 (Fig 1). Menard also discloses in Fig 8-10, hard drive 32 which (buffer) which receives caption data from CC decoder 42 (Fig 8).

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b) the claimed said buffer capable of receiving at least a portion of the text information from said decoder is met where the mass storage device 20 stores the incoming data streams or portions of them (col 5, line 51-55).

c) the claimed said buffer being capable of transmitting said at received text information portion to said information display system in response to an information release signal contained in text information is met where mass storage 20 of monitoring system 1 where based upon the customized search profile of the user, the system monitors the incoming closed caption text stream and alerts the user when a user query is matched, whether it be particular words, phrases.

Regarding the transmission of a block of text information and the detection of an information release signal where the signal delimits an end of a block.

It is noted by the examiner that the applicant's own disclosure states that closed captioned text typically includes an ASCII line feed character which indicates the end of a line, sentence or paragraph (page 7, line 18-19).

It is also notoriously well known in the art, as taught by Corey et al., that text can be broken up into segments/blocks, where the segments/blocks of text can be when a speaker changes, scene changes or keyword vocabulary changes are used to delimit each video segment (col 6, line 45-50).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Menard which discloses a retrieval/monitoring system which provides the user the closed captioned data based on the users search settings (keywords/phrases) where the information provided to the user can be information

before and after the identification of the word/phrase based upon the user's setting, by utilizing the line feed character which is included in the closed captioned text as done by Corey, to provide the viewer text information which relates to the video being displayed.

Regarding the streaming media format, Menard discloses displaying the video/text in a live mode (live view) (Fig 9,10) and also gives the user the option of outputting an AVI (non-streaming) formatted signal which can be used by the viewer to re-record or edit the program.

Although, Menard discloses a system for monitoring broadcast channels, based upon content of interest to the user, the ability to receive streaming media including video and text is conventional in the art, thus the examiner incorporates Rand et al., US 2004/0080528 which discloses a system which delivers both video and text (streaming) over the internet to a user computer.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Menard and Corey, which discloses a retrieval/monitoring system which provides the user the closed captioned data based on the users search settings (keywords/phrases) where the information provided to the user can be information before and after the identification of the word/phrase based upon the user's setting, by utilizing the line feed character which is included in the closed captioned text to delimits the required segments, to provide the viewer text information which relates to the video being displayed as done by Rand, to also provide the viewer the ability to view both the video/text of complete program received over the internet, thus providing the user the ability to select video/text information from a variety of sources.

In considering claim 2,

The claimed further comprising a display configured to simultaneously present said block of text information portion and said corresponding video information, said text information thus being displayed in a block-sized segment is met where the viewer/user is able to view both the video signal 70 and the corresponding closed captioned data 72 simultaneously on the multimedia display monitor (Fig 12).

In considering claims 3, 13, 28 and 32

The claimed wherein said buffer is further configured to transmit said text information portion to said information display system as a text script command is met where the closed captioned text is decoded, thus being a text script.

In considering claims 4, 14, 15 and 22

The claimed wherein said information display system comprises an audio-visual media player is met by multimedia display 3 (Fig 1), which consists of a personal computer.

In considering claims 5, 11, 18, 23, 30 and 37

The claimed wherein said video information comprises at least a portion of a video broadcast is met where the video information includes broadcast television signals (col 3, line 29-49).

In considering claims 6, 12, 19, 24, 31 and 38

The claimed wherein said text information comprises closed caption information is met where the received information includes video, audio and closed-captioned data (Fig 1).

In considering claims 7, 16, 25 and 35,

Menard does not explicitly recite the information release signal comprising a line feed character.

Menard discloses a system where based upon the identification of particular words or phrases, and based upon the user setting is able to set the display to record the video, audio and closed captioned text from 30 seconds before to 5 minutes after the appearance of a keyword/phrase in the closed caption stream (col 5, line 7-19).

The examiner relies on the applicant's own disclosure which states that closed captioned text typically includes an ASCII line feed character which indicates the end of a line, sentence or paragraph (page 7, line 18-19).

Thus although Menard does not explicitly recite the structure/details of closed captioned text, the use of a line feed character is included as stated by applicant.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to utilize in Menard, which discloses a retrieval/monitoring system which provides the user the closed captioned data based on the users search settings (keywords/phrases) where the information provided to the user can be information before and after the identification of the word/phrase based upon the user's setting, by utilizing the line feed character which is included in the closed captioned text, to provide the user the complete line, sentence, paragraph of the information retrieved for the user, thereby providing the user a portion of the retrieved closed captioning text which is readable by the user.

In considering claims 8, 17, 26 and 36

The claimed wherein said display is a video monitor is met by multimedia display 3 and workstations 8 (Fig 1).

In considering claim 10,

The claimed further comprising a display configured... is met where the viewer/user is able to view both the video signal 70 and the corresponding closed captioned data 72 simultaneously on the multimedia display monitor (Fig 12).

In considering claim 15,

The claimed wherein said audio-visual media player comprises an audio-visual media player is met where multimedia display 3 is a personal computer with access to a VCR.

In considering claims 20, 27 and 39-40,

b) the claimed a buffer... is met by mass storage 20 of monitoring system 1 where based upon the customized search profile of the user, the system monitors the incoming closed caption text stream and alerts the user when a user query is matched, whether it be particular words or phrases.

c) the claimed an information delivery system... is met where monitoring system 1 may communicate with multimedia display 3 via bi-directional link 6 and to network computers 8 via network 7. Both the video signal 70 and the corresponding closed captioned data 72 are displayed simultaneously on the multimedia display monitor (Fig 12).

Regarding the information release signal delimiting an end of said block and streaming format—please refer to rejection/motivation for Claim 1 above.

Regarding the use of an encoder, refer to claim 21 below.

In considering claim 21 and 41,

The combination of Menard/Corey and Rand do not explicitly recite the use of an encoder. However, the encoder as described in the applicant's specification is simply a device which merges extracted components with the unprocessed components.

Therefore Menard meets the claimed language as stated in the specification since the video and text are properly synchronized/combined for display.

In considering claim 33,

The claimed wherein said information storage device is transferred to said information display system by an audio-visual media player is met where the storage can be a VCR (Fig 1).

In considering claim 34,

The claimed information display system comprises an audio-visual media player is met where multimedia display 3 is a personal computer with access to a VCR. It should also be noted that as described in the applicant's disclosure, the use of media players utilized within a display system (computer) are conventional in the art.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure—please refer to newly cited references on attached form PTO-892.
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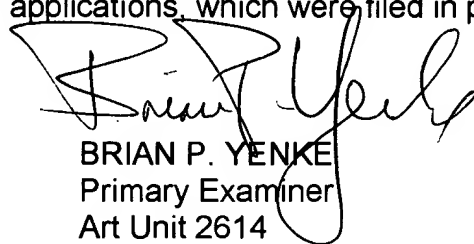
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